



Nebraska Task Force 1 K9 Team Volunteer and Donation Opportunities

Victims - The task force K9 team is always in need of individuals who are willing to be trained and act as "victims" for our K9's. Victims are our most important training aspect for our dogs. Victims may be asked to simply play tug with one of our canines or we may bury our victims in a safe hole in our rubble pile and send our dogs to find them.

Monetary Donations – The US&R task force relies solely on funding from the federal government. The money must be divided and used to train all of our team members in every position as well as purchasing equipment for the team. The K9 teams must travel in order to train the dogs to work beyond their own home rubble pile. All of this takes great monetary dedication. Donations can be made to the K9 team, if identified specifically for the K9's. If you would like to make a monetary donation to our K9 team, please contact K9 Coordinator Steve Dolezal at Lincoln Fire & Rescue NE-TF1 at: sdolezal@lincoln.ne.gov

Training Locations - Our K9 team is always in search of new training locations. It is imperative that our dogs have new training opportunities in order to continue their growth and abilities. Training locations would include any buildings that are going to be torn down or imploded, rock quarries and other locations with piles of concrete, rebar and mixes of content. We also utilize large piles of brush, pallets, etc. for our dog's training. We can continue our training in the winter by utilizing indoor locations and buildings with multiple rooms. If you have a location that we might be able to utilize for our training please contact Lead K9 Handler Damon Wirth at dwirth@lincoln.ne.gov

Equipment - We often need new equipment for agility training with our canines. If you have wood or equipment you can donate or can donate time to build agility equipment for our team, we would welcome your contribution.